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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN

1. TWO POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST EMERGED FROM
AMBASSADOR ANDERSEN'S JANUARY 12 MEETING WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN:

A) ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT HAS SUDDENLY DECIDED TO ATTACH TOP
PRIORITY TO FULL SEPARATION OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN
FACILITIES AT KEFLAVIK AIRPORT INCLUDING FUNDING BY U.S.
OF NEW \$45 MILLION AIR TERMINAL EXCLUSIVELY FOR CIVILIAN
USE.

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B) FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING
VISIT TO WASHINGTON MID-APRIL TO CLARIFY DEFENSE ISSUES
PRIOR TO HEATING UP OF CAMPAIGN FOR 1978 NATIONAL
ELECTIONS.

2. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY SUGGESTED ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR
COME IN FOR BRIEF REVIEW OF ASSISTANCE QUESTION AND TO

INFORM AMBASSADOR THAT INTERAGENCY STUDY HAD BEEN
COMPLETED AND OUR RECOMMENDATIONS WERE NOW BEING FORWARDED

TO WHITE HOUSE. WE HAVE BEEN COGNIZANT OF PRESSURE
ON ANDERSEN TO "PRODUCE CONCRETE RESULTS" AND MADE EFFORT
TO DEAL WITH HIM IN CANDID, FORTHRIGHT FASHION.
ANDERSEN, WHO SEEMED GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH
MEETING, CLAIMED HE HAD TALKED WITH AGUSTSSON
MORNING OF JANUARY 12 AT WHICH TIME HE RECEIVED NEW
INSTRUCTIONS ON SEPARATION OF FACILITIES ISSUES (YOU
WILL RECALL CIVILIAN TERMINAL QUESTION WAS FLATLY REJECTED
BY US IN 1974) AND POSSIBLE APRIL VISIT BY FONMIN.
ANDERSEN ALSO LEFT DOCUMENT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HARTMAN ASKING FOR TRAINING OF 24 RATHER THAN 18 AIR
CONTROLLERS WITH FIRST GROUP TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1977. (FULL MEMCON AND COPY OF
NEW TRAINING REQUEST BEING POUCHED TO POST.)

3. FYI: DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO REVISE STUDY
IN LIGHT OF MEETING WITH ANDERSEN SINCE ESTABLISHMENT
OF MECHANISM FOR DEALING WITH THIS AND FUTURE REQUESTS
IS A KEY RECOMMENDATION OF PAPER AND DEBATE ON TERMINAL
ISSUE WOULD CREATE UNACCEPTABLE DELAYS. MOREOVER WE
WOULD CERTAINLY REQUIRE WRITTEN REQUEST ON
TERMINAL ISSUE FROM GOI BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTION.
END FYI.

4. DESK OFFICER WILL BE FULLY PREPARED TO ADDRESS THESE
ISSUES WITH EMBASSY STAFF DURING FORTHCOMING
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